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MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION
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From: James C. Wilson, Assistant Secretary
Medical Assistance Administration (MAA)

**Subject: Vendor Rate Increase for Medical Nutrition Therapy
(formerly known as Nutritional Counseling Services)**

Effective with dates of service on or after July 1, 2001, the Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) will implement:

- The updated Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Data Base (MPFSDB) Year 2001 relative value units (RVUs);
- The updated Medicare Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule (MCLFS);
- The Year 2001 additions of Current Procedural Terminology (CPT™) codes;
- Health Care Financing Administration Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Level II codes;
- Technical Changes; and
- A legislatively appropriated two and one-tenth percent (2.1%) vendor rate increase.

Maximum Allowable Fees

In updating the fee schedule with Year 2001 RVUs and clinical laboratory fees, MAA maintained overall budget neutrality. The 2001-2003 Biennium Appropriations Act authorizes this two and one-tenth percent (2.1%) vendor rate increase for MAA fee-for-service programs. The maximum allowable fees have been adjusted to reflect the changes listed above.

These medical nutrition therapy services are allowed only to clients 20 years of age and younger as a result of a referral from an EPSDT provider.

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Transition of Codes from State-Unique to CPT

State-unique codes 0910M and 0911M are being discontinued and replaced with the following CPT codes:

State-Unique Code (discontinued for dates of service on or after 9/1/01)	CPT Procedure Code (effective 7/1/01)	Short Description	7/1/01 Maximum Allowable Fee
0910M	97802	Medical nutrition therapy, individual, initial 1 unit=15 minutes	\$11.49 per unit Maximum of 8 units per year
0911M	97803	Medical nutrition therapy, individual, subsequent 1 unit=15 minutes	\$11.49 per unit Maximum of 4 units per day
N/A	97804	Medical nutrition therapy, group 1 unit=30 minutes	\$11.49 per unit Maximum of 2 units per day

Medical Nutrition Therapy Billing Instructions will be published in August 2001. To obtain this document electronically, go to MAA's website at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov>.

Please bill MAA your usual and customary fee.